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SUBJENE: NEW GOVERNMENT INAUGURATION PLANS

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE EFFUSIVE CONGRATULATIONS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF VERY LIMITED NATURE OF CHANGE IN REGIME, WHICH IS A CATTER OF NE WIN IN OLD BOTTLES. PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE, HOWEVER, BOTH APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE.

2. SUGGEST BRIEF MESSAGE TO NE WIN ALONG FOL LINES: IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO OFFER YOU MY FELECITATIONS ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA, AND TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF BURMA. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT, UNDER BURMA'S NEW CONSTITUTION, OF THE SOUNDLY-BASED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR PEOPLES.

3. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ADVISES THAT IF MESSAGE DELIVERED BEFORE MARCH 2 IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO NE WIN AS CHAIRMAN

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OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, WHILE IF DELIVERED AFTER THAT DATE

IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO NE WIN AS PRESIDENT. WE SUGGEST FORMER ALTERNATIVE SO AS TO ENSURE THAT MESSAGE IS NOT SEEN AS BELATED REACTION TO THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INFORMS US THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS YET MADE ON PLANS FOR INAUGURATIONOF NEW GOVERNMENT. HIS OPINION (IN WHICH WE CONCUR) IS THAT FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, WHETHER VISITING EMISSARY OF SPECIALLY-DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR/CHARGE, WILL

NEITHER BE INVITED NOR DESIRED.

5. ONE OR TWO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF GIFTS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO NEWLY-ESTABLISHED PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, IN FORM OF WORK OF ART, PIECE OF FURNITURE, OR THE LIKE, ON OCCASION OF FIRST MEETING OF ASSEMBLY. WE SEE NO GREAT MERIT TO BE GAINED BY SUCH A GESTURE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S READING ON PAST PRACTICE AS WE DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR CONSPICUOUSLY OUT OF STEP WITH OTHER FRIENDLY MISSIONS.
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